Dear Sir, Madam,

I believe that all around Australia, the environment needs protecting before damage is actually done. This means that it is necessary to object strenuously to planned projects that are environmentally unsound in a time that conservation is more important than ever. Growing trees and conserving already protected spaces are very important but is often the work of local volunteers with a love for their local environment. I expect environmental charities I support financially to be spending their precious money on education of the public, conservation awareness, and strident objections to environmentally harmful projects such us fracking or mining on prime agricultural land, or new coal projects at this crucial time in our history.

In times when government is not doing enough to protect our environment, or making environmental decisions that will not keep their people safe then we need Environmental charities to have full charge of their finances to do the necessary work to lobby for change . This may make government uncomfortable , however this is democracy at work.

I therefore submit for no change to these charities being able to spend their money as needs arise.

many thanks, Ingrid de Neve

